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BRIMFIELD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL FIREARMS POSSESSION

BOSTON, MA - A Brimfield man was convicted yesterday in federal court of possessing a firearm while being an unlawful drug user.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan and Glenn N. Anderson, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms - Boston Field Division, announced that **JOHN CRESCENZO**, age 54, of 240 Warren Road, Brimfield, Massachusetts, pled guilty before U.S. District Judge F. Dennis Saylor, IV to possessing a firearm while being an unlawful user of or addicted to, heroin. Federal law prohibits anyone who uses illegal drugs or is addicted to illegal drugs from possessing a firearm.

At yesterday's plea hearing, the prosecutor told the Court that had the case proceeded to trial, the Government's evidence would have proven that beginning in the Fall of 2003 and continuing through the Spring of 2004, **CRESCENZO** regularly used heroin. During that time, **CRESCENZO** purchased multiple guns and sold two of them to his heroin dealer in exchange for money and drugs. Both of the guns **CRESCENZO** sold to the heroin dealer were later recovered by the police in Worcester in connection with two unrelated crimes.

Judge Saylor scheduled sentencing for September 16, 2008. **CRESCENZO** faces up to 10 years imprisonment, to be followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. It is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Karin M. Bell of Sullivan's Worcester Branch.

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